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Preparations for the sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in 2019

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Emphasizing that the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,[1] the Joint Ministerial Statement of the 2014 high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action[2] and the outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem, entitled "Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem",[3] represent the commitments made by the international community over the preceding decade to addressing and countering, in a balanced manner, the world drug problem, and recognizing that those documents are complementary and mutually reinforcing,

Reaffirming its commitment to implementing effectively the provisions set out in the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action and in the Joint Ministerial Statement,

Recognizing the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016 as a milestone in the efforts of the international community to effectively address and counter the world drug problem,

Reaffirming its commitment to effectively implementing the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, which thus represents the most recent consensus,

[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8* (E/2009/28), chap. I, sect. C.
[2] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2014, Supplement No. 8* (E/2014/28), chap. I, sect. C.
[3] General Assembly resolution S-30/1, annex.

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Recalling its decision, contained in the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action, to establish 2019 as a target date for States to eliminate or reduce significantly and measurably:

(a) The illicit cultivation of opium poppy, coca bush and cannabis plant;

(b) The illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, and drug-related health and social risks;

(c) The illicit production, manufacture, marketing and distribution of, and trafficking in, psychotropic substances, including synthetic drugs;

(d) The diversion of and illicit trafficking in precursors;

(e) Money-laundering related to illicit drugs,

Recalling also the resolve of Member States to take the steps necessary to implement the operational recommendations set out in the outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem, held in 2016, in close partnership with the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations and civil society, and to share with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the policymaking body of the United Nations with prime responsibility for drug control matters, timely information on progress made in the implementation of those recommendations,

Underscoring that the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,[4] the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971,[5] the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988[6] and other relevant international instruments constitute the cornerstone of the international drug control system,

Reaffirming its unwavering commitment to ensuring that all aspects of demand reduction and related measures, supply reduction and related measures, and international cooperation are addressed in full conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[7] with full respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, the principle of non-intervention in the internal affairs of States, all human rights, fundamental freedoms, the inherent dignity of all individuals and the principles of equal rights and mutual respect among States,

Recalling its resolution 60/1, entitled "Preparations for the sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in 2019",

Reaffirming its decision, contained in that resolution, to convene a ministerial segment open to all States Members of the United Nations and interested stakeholders, to be held during its sixty-second session, in Vienna in 2019, which is to last two days in addition to the five days scheduled for the regular session of the Commission, held in the first half of the year, to take stock of the implementation of the commitments made to jointly address and counter the world drug problem, in particular in the light of the 2019 target date,

Recognizing that the 2019 ministerial meeting will be a timely opportunity for Member States to carry out a holistic stocktaking of the progress made over the past decade in achieving the goals and targets set out in the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action, and to identify gaps so as to address and counter the world drug problem more effectively in the light of those commitments and the commitments contained in the 2014 Joint Ministerial Statement and the outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem, held in 2016,

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[4] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

[5] Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.

[6] Ibid., vol. 1582, No. 27627.

[7] General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

1. *Decides* that the organizational arrangements for the ministerial segment to be held during the sixty-second session of the Commission, in 2019, will be as follows:

(a) The ministerial segment shall consist of a general debate to take stock of the implementation of all the commitments made to jointly address and counter the world drug problem, in particular in the light of the 2019 target date established in the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem;[1]

(b) Following the format of the general debates conducted during the high-level segments of the fifty-second session of the Commission, in 2009, and the fifty-seventh session, in 2014, the meetings of the general debate will be open to all States Members of the United Nations. The seating arrangements will follow the protocol used by the General Assembly. After the introductory statements by the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the President of the International Narcotics Control Board, the floor will be given to the high-level representatives of the Member States chairing the regional groups, followed by statements by high-level representatives of Member States speaking in their national capacity. Heads of entities of the United Nations, including programmes, funds, specialized agencies and regional commissions, may make statements in the general debate. Representatives of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council will participate in accordance with articles 74 and 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council;

(c) Interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables are to be conducted, in parallel with the plenary, on the following topics: "Taking stock of the implementation of the commitments made to jointly address and counter the world drug problem, in particular in the light of the 2019 target date" and "Emerging and persistent challenges in addressing and countering the world drug problem beyond the 2019 target date", to be conducted as follows:

(i) All States Members of the United Nations, observer States and observers, including relevant international organizations with observer status and entities of the United Nations system, and representatives of non-governmental organizations, representatives of civil society and the scientific community, academia, youth groups and other relevant stakeholders participating in the ministerial segment, are to be invited to participate in the interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables;

(ii) The interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables shall be co-chaired by two representatives, of two different regional groups, each to be nominated by the respective regional group;

(iii) Each round table shall consist of a panel composed of five panellists to be nominated by the regional groups, and one panellist to be nominated by the civil society task force. The panel may also include up to two speakers representing entities of the United Nations system. The final list of panellists and other speakers is to be drawn up by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in consultation with the extended Bureau of the Commission;

(iv) The interventions by the panellists shall be followed by an interactive discussion, and, in order to accommodate as many speakers as possible, interventions by the panellists shall be limited to a maximum of five minutes, and interventions from the floor shall be limited to a maximum of three minutes;

(d) A summary by the Chair of the general debate, in addition to a summary of the salient points raised during the round tables to be prepared by the chairs of those round tables, will be presented at the plenary;

2. *Encourages* all Member States, observer States and observers to consider being represented at the highest possible level at the ministerial segment;

3. *Encourages* all Member States and relevant entities of the United Nations system to actively participate in the discussions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in preparation for the 2019 ministerial segment in order to foster an in-depth exchange of information and expertise on efforts, achievements, challenges and best practices to address and counter the world drug problem;

4. *Encourages* relevant United Nations entities, international financial institutions and relevant regional organizations, within their respective mandates, to contribute to the work of the Commission and the efforts of Member States to address and counter the world drug problem, and to strengthen international and inter-agency cooperation, and also encourages them to participate in the ministerial segment and make available relevant information to the Commission in order to facilitate its work and to enhance coherence within the United Nations system at all levels with regard to the world drug problem;

5. *Decides*, in accordance with a balanced, integrated and comprehensive approach to the world drug problem, to continue to hold intersessional meetings, based on the provisions of its resolution 60/1 regarding the intersessional period, the substantive and procedural arrangements for which are to be reflected in a workplan to be discussed in consultation with Member States and adopted by the Commission before the end of the first half of 2018;

6. *Resolves* that an outline for the way beyond 2019, in the form of a draft decision, will be presented by the Chair to the Commission at its reconvened sixty-first session for further consideration in the light of the preparations for the ministerial segment to be held during the Commission's sixty-second session;

7. *Encourages* Member States to make the best possible use of the intersessional period by promoting the exchange of information, good practices, lessons learned and challenges among national practitioners at all levels and from different fields so as to effectively implement a comprehensive, integrated and balanced approach to the world drug problem in its various aspects;

8. *Calls upon* Member States to consider sending experts and practitioners to participate in the intersessional meetings, and in that regard encourages Member States to enhance communication, coordination and collaboration on drug policy issues among relevant domestic sectors;

9. *Takes note* of the fourth and final report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on action taken by Member States to implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action;[8]

10. *Also takes note* of the report on the expert consultation on improving drug statistics and strengthening the annual reports questionnaire, held in Vienna from 29 to 31 January 2018, and requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue, in close cooperation with Member States, its activities to strengthen national capacities to produce statistical and qualitative information and information on ways to improve and streamline the annual report questionnaire;

11. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to provide a briefing to the Commission, at its reconvened sixty-first session, on the annual report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation against the world drug problem, as it relates to the preparations for the sixty-second session of the Commission, to be held in 2019;

12. *Decides* that the preparations for the ministerial segment to be held in 2019 may be continued during its sixty-second session, including at its intersessional meetings.

[8] E/CN.7/2018/6.